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TO: CBC MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: MIKE CHRISMAN, CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY;  
MIKE POOL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA BIODIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
BIODIVERSITY ALONG THE BORDER  
**September 27-28, 2006 – Coronado, California**

We have the pleasure to announce the upcoming regional meeting of the California Biodiversity Council (CBC) to be held in Coronado on Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 and 28, 2006. This two-day event will focus on managing a shared watershed along an international border with rapidly expanding human population growth.

A field trip to see the rich natural resources of the Tijuana River watershed, including travel into Mexico, is scheduled for September 27. Participants will observe and discuss the growth and development occurring in the San Diego and Tijuana regions. The effects of growth and development on biodiversity and other natural resources on both sides of the border will also be discussed. The field trip will feature the Las Californias wildlife corridor, development challenges and opportunities in the Los Laureles neighborhood, and finally Border Field State Park, the drainage point for the entire watershed. This educational field trip will be followed by a dinner at the Coronado Community Center where we will be meeting the following day. At the dinner, Dr. Ezequiel Ezcurra, Director of the Biodiversity Research Center of the Californias for the San Diego Natural History Museum will discuss his views about conservation in Mexico and California. We hope that you will be able to join us for both the field trip and the dinner.

The Biodiversity Council meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 28, 2006. We will view a "flyover" video of the watershed, learn about the Las Californias Binational Conservation Initiative and other cooperative projects that cross the border. We will also discuss potential opportunities for cooperative projects to address some of conservation challenges in the region.

The meeting agenda and registration form are enclosed. We request confirmation of attendance to the field trip, dinner and meeting as well as meal reservations and payment. The deadline for meeting registration is **September 15, 2006**. The deadline for field trip registration is **August 15, 2006**. The field trip will depart from the Coronado Community Center at 8:30 a.m. and box lunches will be available. We have reserved blocks of rooms at a few hotels in Coronado; please consult the agenda for information on making hotel reservations. Please contact Lauren McNees, Communications Coordinator, with any questions (916/445-5845, lauren.mcnees@fire.ca.gov).

Sincerely yours,

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California Resources Agency

Mike Pool, CBC Co-Chair  
State Director, California  
Bureau of Land Management